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IRON AND STEEL COMBINE  
THAI NGUYEN, NORTH VIETNAM  
2133N 10552E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE COKE BY-PRODUCTS PLANT OF THE THAI NGUYEN IRON AND STEEL COMBINE.

2. LOCATION:

THE COMBINE IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY THREE NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF THAI NGUYEN.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE COMPLEX CONSISTS OF NINE FUNCTIONAL AREAS CONTAINING ORE SINTERING FACILITIES, ONE COKE OVEN BATTERY, A COKE BY-PRODUCTS SECTION, THREE BLAST FURNACES, A TWO-STACK OPEN HEARTH FURNACE BUILDING, A ROLLING MILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, A FABRICATION AREA, AND STORAGE/SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION AREAS. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS SINCE EARLY 1959 UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED THE PLANT TO BE APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT COMPLETE. AS OF [REDACTED] THE COMPLEX APPEARED ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROLLING MILL AND THE OPEN HEARTH FURNACE BUILDING. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE BETWEEN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE OPEN HEARTH FURNACE BUILDING WAS COMPLETE AND

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THAT A SMALL AMOUNT OF FURTHER CONSTRUCTION HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE ROLLING MILL.

THE PLANT APPEARS OPERATIONAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROLLING MILL AND THE OPEN HEARTH FURNACE BUILDING, WHICH ALTHOUGH COMPLETE AS OF [REDACTED] HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN OPERATION. THE OPEN FABRICATION YARD IS PRODUCING STRUCTURAL STEEL MEMBERS AND STORAGE TANKS. THUS, THE PLANT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVING SEMIFINISHED STEEL AND CARRYING ON THE SAME ACTIVITIES AS IT WILL WHEN COMPLETED.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE COKE BY-PRODUCTS PLANT OF THE THAI NGUYEN IRON AND STEEL COMBINE IN OPERATION. THE BLAST FURNACE AREA, THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, COAL UNLOADING FACILITIES, A WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE AREA, AN OPEN STORAGE AREA AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON TWO BUILDINGS (LOCATED SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF THE OPEN STORAGE AREA) ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

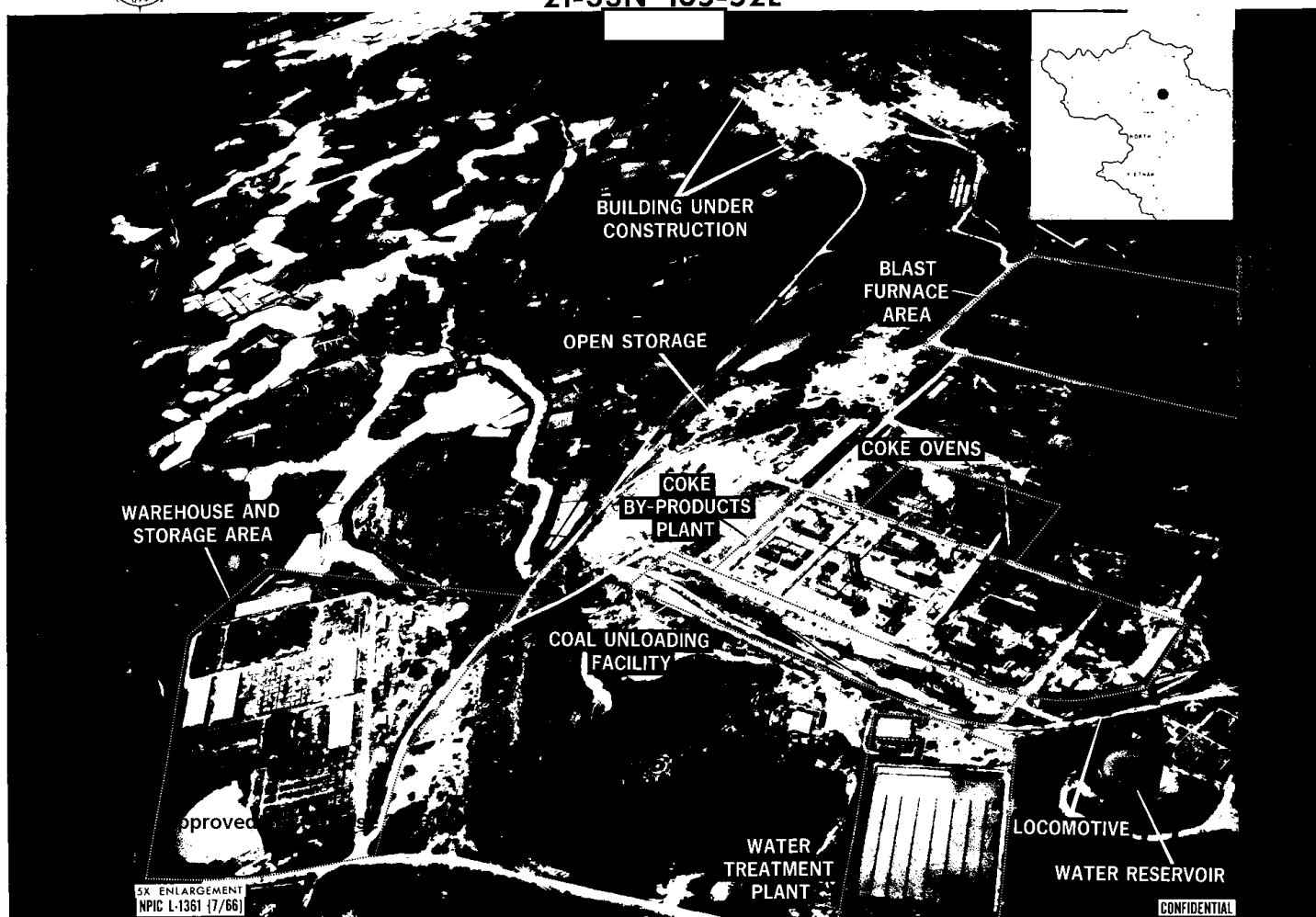
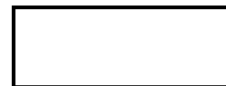
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